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SUBJ: MOROCCAN F-5 DEPLOYMENTS

REF: STATE 126109

IN BRIEF MEETING WITH FONMIN BOUCETTA MORNING OF MAY 22,
BEFORE HE LEFT TO SEE KING IN FES, I NOTED THAT KING'S
VIEWS ON F-5 DEPLOYMENTS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO
DEPARTMENT ON MAY 16 BY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN.
BOUCETTA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF THIS CON-
VERSATION. HE WENT ON TO REITERATE POSITION THAT THIS
ISSUE GOES BACK TO INTENT OF 1960 BILATERAL AGREE-
MENT -- NAMELY THAT MOROCCO NOT USE US-FURNISHED ARMS
FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES. BOUCETTA SAID HE WOULD REAFFIRM
TO THE SECRETARY WHEN HE SAW HIM IN NEW YORK GOM'S
CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT NO US-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT
WILL BE USED FOR AGGRESSION. THE SOLE USE OF THIS
EQUIPMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FOR THE DEFENSE OF
MOROCCO, "OBVIOUSLY" INCLUDING THE SAHARA. IN REPLY TO
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QUESTION ABOUT USE IN MAURITANIA, BOUCETTA SAID THAT,
IN HIS VIEW, THIS AGAIN WAS INDIRECTLY FOR THE DEFENSE
OF MOROCCAN TERRITORY, AND WOULD NOT BE FOR AGGRESSION
AGAINST ANYONE. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS
QUESTION WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK ON MAY 25.
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